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SENT DEPARTMENT 335: REPEATED INFORMATION JIDDA 186.

FROM AMBASSADOR WADSWORTH

DEPTELS 264 AND 266 TO DHAHRAN REPEATED INFORMATION JIDDA 186 AND 487.

LAST THING YUSUF YASIN TOLD ME JANUARY 8 WAS "KING HAS LEFT THIS CAPITAL FOR AMERICA." KING PLANS TRAVEL BY DESERT MOTOR CARAVAN IN WIDE ARC TO MEDINA VISITING NORTHERN TRIBES ENROUTE AND THENCE FLYING CAIRO JANUARY 17 OR 18 FOR CONSULTATION WITH NASSER BEFORE FLYING NAPLES JANUARY 19 OR EARLY 20 THERE TO BOARD SS CONSTITUTION JANUARY 20.

I PLANNED JOIN KING IN CAIRO AND MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT ARRANGE AUDIENCE BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN MEDINA (WHERE NON-MOSLEMS ARE BANNED). I HAVE HOWEVER MADE REQUEST FOR DESERT AUDIENCE THROUGH YASIN.

IF ARRANGEMENTS THEREFORE CANNOT BE MADE, I PROPOSE TAKE UP BOTH MATTERS BRIEFLY WITH YASIN IN JIDDA WHERE I AM FLYING TODAY AND WHERE HE PLANS STOP TWO DAYS BEFORE PRECEDING KING TO CAIRO. I WOULD ASK HIM CONVEY GENERAL SENSE REFERENCE TELEGRAMS TO KING AND SAY I WISH, ON MY GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, PERSONALLY DISCUSS THEM WITH HIM IN CAIRO.

RE DHAHRAN AIRFIELD PROPOSAL, MY FEELING IS THAT IT WERE BETTER LEFT FOR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON AS COROLLARY TO ANY BASIC AGREEMENT REACHED THERE, IN FACT OR IN PRINCIPLE,

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